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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 23 - IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARA-
TION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL PEOPLES BY UN
SPECIALIZED AND OTHER AGENCIES;
SUB-ITEM: ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REF: A. STATE 161213 B. USUN 2205

1. ISRAELI OBSERVERS HERE TELL US THEY WILL RAISE NO PROBLEM
IF THERE IS A RESOLUTION OR DECISION SIMPLY NOTING THE SYG'S
REPORT ON "ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" (DOCUMENT
E/6005). HOWEVER, THEY CONFIRM THAT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THEY HAVE
FORMALLY PROTESTED TO THE SECRETARIAT THE ISSUANCE OF THIS REPORT
UNDER ITEM 23 ON DECOLONIZATION RATHER THAN UNDER "OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT" ITEM UNDER WHICH ECOSOC RESOLUTION
2026 (LXI) WAS INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED LAST YEAR, AND HAVE ASKED
FOR A CORRECTION. THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO RAISE THIS
POINT ON THE FLOOR AS THEY KNOW THEY WOULD LOSE. SECRETARIAT
TELLS US THEY CANNOT ISSUE A CORRECTION IN VIEW OF THE
PLACEMENT OF THIS SUB-ITEM UNDER AGENDA ITEM 23 BY ECOSOC.
(WE HEAR THAT IT WAS BRAD MORSE WHO WANTED IT REMOVED
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FROM THE ITEM ON "OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOP-
MENT".)

2. IN FACT THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT PROGRAM OF WORK FOR
ECOSOC INCORPORATING THE SHIFT OF THIS SUB-ITEM TO THE
DECOLONIZATION ITEM SLIPPED BY BOTH THE ORGANIZATIONAL
AND 62ND SESSIONS (SEE DOCUMENTS E/5900, PAGE 74, AND

E/L 1757, PAGE 12, AS WELL AS ECOSOC DECISIONS 204 (ORG-77) AND 242 (LXII), RESPECTIVELY).

3. THUS, WHILE WE AGREE THAT INCLUSION UNDER ITEM 23 IS INAPPROPRIATE, THIS IS SOMETHING ALL CONCERNED (INCLUDING THE ISRAELI OBSERVERS) SHOULD HAVE SPOTTED AND RAISED AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR 62ND SESSIONS. HENCE WE RECOMMEND AGAINST OUR SUPPORTING THE ISRAELI OBJECTION (REFTEL B) BOTH BECAUSE OF THE FOREGOING AND BECAUSE IT MIGHT WELL RAISE A CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE THAT MIGHT MAKE IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO SECURE A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION OR DECISION SIMPLY NOTING THE SYG'S REPORT.

4. US DEL SUGGESTS THAT AFTER THIS ECOSOC SESSION HAS ENDED, WE ADVISE THE SECRETARIAT THAT WE CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF THIS SUB-ITEM UNDER THE DECOLONIZATION ITEM TO BE INAPPROPRIATE. WE CAN POINT OUT THAT THE GA RESOLUTION DEFINING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES CONTAINS A SPECIFIC LISTING WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE PALESTINE. RECOGNIZING THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CHANGE AN IMPLICIT ECOSOC DECISION, WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN DRAWING UP THE DRAFT ECOSOC PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1978, THE SECRETARIAT WOULD FIND A MORE APPROPRIATE AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS SUB-ITEM. (COMMENT: OUR BEST CHANCE OF ACTUALLY RELOCATING THE PALESTINE SUB-ITEM WOULD BE TO LET THE SECRETARIAT QUIETLY

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UNDO ITS MISTAKE. WE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LOSE ANY PUBLIC DECISION. IN ADDITION, THIS APPROACH WOULD AVOID OUR OPENING A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE HERE.)

5. IF A MORE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION ARISES WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM DEPARTMENT. (WE GATHER THE ARABS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE RESPONSES TO RESOLUTION 2026 AND ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SATISFIED WITH SIMPLY NOTING THE REPORT.)

6. SUB-ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE TOMORROW MORNING, JULY 13, ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION WILL PROBABLY COME UP LATER. SORENSON

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